

TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
AND

PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

--- oOo ---

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR

1958

--- oOo ---



H. M. DAVIES,
M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER :
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :
DAWLISH U.D.C.
NEWTON ABBOT R.D.C.
NEWTON ABBOT U.D.C.
TEIGNMOUTH U.D.C. AND
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

COUNCIL OFFICES.

KINGSTEIGNTON ROAD

NEWTON ABBOT.

TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 1958

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my report for the year ended the 31st. December, 1958.

It will be noted that the estimated population for mid 1958 is twenty seven less than that recorded in the 1951 Census, a remarkable fact when one considers the extensive house building that has been carried out by the Local Authority and by private enterprise. It can only be explained by the fact that the older part of the town has become less densely populated and that the slow process of slum clearance is beginning to have its desirable effect.

The Birth rate and Death rate conform approximately with those found in the County and the Country as a whole. The only alarming feature is the steady rise in the number of deaths due to lung cancer. Twenty eight deaths were attributed to cancer and in seven of these the disease occurred in the lungs. There can be no doubt that there is a definite association between lung cancer and smoking, and one can only hope that parents will endeavour to influence their children not to take up this dangerous habit.

Infectious disease followed the usual course with the biennial rise in the number of notified cases of Measles. No cases of the Enteric group of diseases were recorded.

I should like to thank the Chairman, Councillors, and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

H. M. Davies

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	2,350
Population Mid 1958	10,570
Population 1951 Census	10,597
Rateable value as at the 1st. January, 1958	£153,282
Rateable value as at the 31st. December, 1958	£152,968
Product of a 1d. rate as at the 1st. April, 1958	£ 606

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	71	42	113
Illegitimate	1	3	4
	<u>72</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>117</u>

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	11.07
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	13.17
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	13.23
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	15.08
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	16.4

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth rate per 1000 total population	0.28
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births	25.0
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon	21.3
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births England and Wales	21.6

DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 72.88 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths during 1958 was 69.05 years and for female deaths 75.83 years.

Male	Female	Total
78	113	191



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2018 with funding from
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b30180636>

Crude Death rate per 1000 total population	18.07
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population	10.84
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	14.31
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	11.01
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	11.7

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 related live births			34.18
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales			22.6

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under Four weeks) per 1000 related live births			8.55
Neo-Natal Mortality rate England and Wales			16.2

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in Teignmouth during 1958. Four maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under Four weeks	1	-
Infants under One year	2	1
1 -	-	-
5 -	1	-
15 -	-	1
25 -	2	3
45 -	14	10
65 -	18	28
75 and over	40	70
	78	113

Total: 191

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	78	113
Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	-
Syphilitic disease	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	10	8
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	25
Coronary disease, angina	19	15
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2
Other heart disease	8	26
Other circulatory disease	3	4
Pneumonia	4	4
Bronchitis	2	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	14
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
All other accidents	1	3
Suicide	1	1
	<u>78</u>	<u>113</u>

Total: 191

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	2	1	3
Whooping Cough	2	7	9
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	1	1
Measles	132	142	274
Pneumonia	6	9	15
Erysipelas	-	1	1
	<u>142</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>303</u>

Total: 303

TUBERCULOSIS

Four cases of pulmonary and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1958. Details are set out in the following table:-

		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
		M	F	M	F
Under five years		-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	-	-
45	-	2	-	1	-
65	and over	-	1	-	-
		3	1	1	-

Total: 5

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 was necessary in two cases during 1958.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1958

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1958.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

During the year 2,643 inspections and visits have been made in connection with Official Duties. These are divided as follows :-

Inspections re Housing	381
Inspections re Nuisances, Drainage, etc:	1402
Inspections of Food Premises, etc:	232
Inspections of Factories and Workplaces	117
Visits in connection with Refuse	258
Visits in connection with Infectious Diseases, etc:	10
Visits in connection with Rat and Mice Infestations	183
Visits - Miscellaneous	60

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The built up portion of the District is sewered and with the exception of a few outlying houses and farms, which are removed from such sewers, the whole of the houses in the District discharge to pipe sewers which are connected, via storage tanks and pumping stations, to two controlled outlets at the mouth of the River Teign. No extensive alterations or additions were made to the system during the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This is under the control of the Public Health Department. Collection of refuse from all private properties is executed once weekly by two "Karrier Bantam" Refuse Vehicles, with assistance by the Surveyor's or hired lorries during the summer season when twice weekly collection from Hotels and Boarding Houses is essential. The collection of Trade Refuse from Shops at a charge of 6d per bin or equivalent amount of cardboard or paper has been continued through the year, with satisfactory results in the removal of offensive refuse from Food Premises, etc:

Tipping, of house and trade refuse, by controlled methods is at the Council's Tip at Broadmeadow, which it is proposed eventually to convert to an extensive level area, capable of accommodating football grounds, cricket pitches, tennis courts, etc: which are badly needed in the District.

FOOD INSPECTION

There are no licensed or registered slaughterhouses in the District and all meat is brought to the Town from slaughterhouses at Newton Abbot, Exeter, etc:..... During the year 232 visits have been paid to food premises and 513 tins and packets of various foodstuffs, weighing approximately 1065 lbs. have been condemned. The following quantities of other foods were also surrendered :-

Beef	70 lbs.
Apples	40 lbs.
6 doz: Steak and Kidney Pies...	20 lbs.

making a total weight of 1,195 lbs. condemned as unfit for human food. No legal action was necessary in regard to any of the above.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

As far as possible in conjunction with other duties inspections have been made of food premises to ensure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations.. Various improvements have been made on request at different types of premises and it has not been found necessary to institute any legal proceedings throughout the year.

RODENT CONTROL

No major rat infestations were discovered during the year and there was no indication of any serious invasion of the Council's sewers. Treatments of the minor infestations were carried out in accordance with the suggestions of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.

During the twelve months ended the 31st. March, 1959 97 premises were treated for the eradication of rats and/or mice, with satisfactory results. These treatments including inspections made of other properties to establish the degree, if any, of infestation, necessitated 348 visits by the Council's Rodent Operator.

RENT ACT, 1957

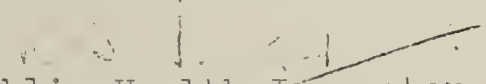
During the year 9 requests for the issue of Certificates of Disrepair were received from tenants and 37 visits were made to various premises in this connection.

HOUSING

Twenty new tenants have been accommodated during the year in vacated Council premises, i.e. houses, flats, prefabs and maisonettes. As far as possible, with the premises available, transfers are arranged between tenants so that the size of the house concerned is in proportion to the size of the family. Also if tenants find another tenant in circumstances whereby a transfer between them can ease the problem of either overcrowding or underoccupation, the Housing Allocations Committee endeavours to make a mutual exchange possible. However, the list of applicants for the tenancies of Council premises shows no sign of reduction.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,


Public Health Inspector.

December, 1959

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1958 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF TEIGNMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	No: on Register	Inspection tions	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which S 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by L/A	29	30	4	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A	87	87	14	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A (excluding out- workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	116	117	18	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	No: of cases in which def- ects were found	No: of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	To H.M. Inspr.
	died	By H.M. Inspr.
Want of Cleanliness S 1	10	10
Overcrowding S 2	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature S 3	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation S 4	1	1
Ineffective drainage of floors S 6	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (a) Insufficient S 7	2	2
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4
(c) Not separate for Sexes	-	-
Other offences against the Act	1	1
TOTALS	18	13

No cases of outwork being carried on in unwholesome premises have been found and consequently Table 3 has not been included.

WATER SUPPLY

Water Engineer's report for the year ended 31st. December, 1958

The supply to the District was continuous, although pressures varied in the higher levels due to the inability to obtain a full supply from the Paignton Urban District Council as in 1957. There was no water restriction, as it was a very wet summer. The town was again fed direct from the trunk main between the 23rd. June and the 20th. September and a supply taken from the Torquay Corporation between the 12th. July and the 3rd. September. Hazeldown Reservoir did not fill until the 4th. October.

The booster station and pump was built during the summer and test runs were made on the 11th. September, but owing to a delay in the delivery of the machinery, boosting could not be carried out during the Summer as anticipated.

The new Coombe Reservoir in Mill Lane was completed and put into commission on the 25th. September. This now means that after a great number of years, the whole of the Urban District, supplied with mains water, is receiving its supplies from service reservoirs and the construction of this reservoir completes the re-organisation and improvement of the distribution system recommended in my report dated August, 1954.

The revision of the system with a view to waste detection and the improvement of bulk supplies and trunk mains are matters which have been superseded in view of the possible transfer of the Water Undertaking to the Torquay Corporation under the Government proposals for the formation of Regional Authorities impending at the time.

Statistics

Population supplied:	Winter	-	11,000
	Summer	-	25,000 - 30,000
Total Number of Dwellings : 3,508			
Total Consumption : 207,090,325 gallons			
Maximum daily consumption: 700,000 gallons.			

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH OF PORT HEALTH
AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR, 1958

SECTION I

STAFF - Table A - No change.

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR - Table C

Passenger Traffic	...	Number of Passengers Inwards Number of Passengers Outwards	} This is not a port approved under the Aliens Order, 1920.
Cargo Traffic	...	Principal Imports - Timber, fertilizer, potatoes. Principal Export - Clay.	

PORTS from which ships arrive:- Abo, Amsterdam, Antwerp,
Archangel, Brest, Brussels, Caen, Capella, Concerneau,
Dunkirk, Ghent, Granville, Hamburg, Honfleur, Kotka,
L'Orient, Le Havre, Le Legue, Morlaise, Nantes, Rouen,
Rotterdam, Vannes, Genoa, Leghorn, Palermo, Quimper,
Civita Vecchia.

COASTWISE:- Amble, Avonmouth, Belfast, Blyth, Cardiff, Fleet-
wood, Dublin, Goole, Hull, Keadby, Littlehampton,
Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Plymouth,
Port Talbot, Poole, Rochester, Shoreham, Southamp-
ton, Swansea, Silloth, Waterfcrc, Wicklow, Guernsey
and Jersey.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the
traffic - Nil.

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY - NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952 - NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX - NO CHANGE.

SECTION VIII

VENEREAL DISEASE - NO CHANGE.

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		NUMBER OF SHIPS REPORTED AS HAVING HAD, DURING THE VOYAGE, INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON BOARD
			BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR	
Foreign Ports	148	31,052	2	4	Nil
Coastwise	293	72,984	4	4	Nil
Total	441	104,036	6	8	Nil

SECTION IX

Cases of notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

No cases of notifiable or other infectious diseases were reported during the year.

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria were notified during the year.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with
or suspected for Plague

No action necessary under this section.

SECTION XII

Measures against Rodents in ships from foreign ports

No change.

SECTION XIII

Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G - Inspections and Notices

No notices were served during 1958.

SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No Change.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this authority.

SECTION XVI

Miscellaneous

No change.

